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SUBJECT: BRUCE MACDONALD BROWN NAMED NEW ZEALAND AMBASSADOR TO IRAN

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1. BRUCE BROWN, DCM OF NEW ZEALAND HIGH COMMISSION IN CANBERRA AND NEWLY-APPOINTED AMBASSADOR TO IRAN (REFTEL), IS EPITOME OF DIPLOMAT. QUIET AND REFLECTIVE IN MANNER, POSSESSED OF A WRY AND DELIGHTFUL SENSE OF HUMOR, HE INSTINCTIVELY FOLLOWS THE LOW PROFILE APPROACH TO PROBLEMS. FROM HIS FOUR-YEAR ASSIGNMENT AS DIRECTOR OF NEW ZEALAND INSTITUTE OF INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS, HE DERIVED PARTICULARLY KEEN APPRECIATION OF MODEST ROLE OF NEW ZEALAND IN WORLD AFFAIRS, WHICH HE REGULARLY MENTIONS AS POINT OF DEPARTURE IN CONSIDERING PROBLEMS THAT ARISE. HE ALSO HAS GOOD APPRECIATION OF INTERNATIONAL ISSUES GENERALLY, AS HE TRAVELLED EXTENSIVELY AS DIRECTOR OF NEW ZEALAND INSTITUTE.

2. BORN IN WELLINGTON JAN 24, 1930, BROWN WAS EDUCATED AT VICTORIA UNIVERSITY, WELLINGTON. HE HAS BEEN CLOSE TO NEW ZEALAND LABOR PARTY, AS PRIVATE SECRETARY TO LEADER OF LABOR OPPOSITION, 1954-57, AND AS PRIVATE SECRETARY TO LABOR PRIME MINISTER, SIR WALTER NASH, 1957-59. THE EXPERIENCE LED NATURALLY TO HIS BOOK, RISE OF NEW ZEALAND LABOR, PUBLISHED

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IN 1962. HIS EXPERIENCE IN THE NEW ZEALAND MISSION

TO UN, 1963-67, LED TO PUBLICATION OF HIS SECOND BOOK, THE UNITED NATIONS, IN 1967.

3. BROWN HAD PARTICULARLY CHALLENGING ASSIGNMENT HERE, AS HE FOLLOWED PATRICK MILLEN AS DCM OF NEW ZEALAND HIGH COMMISSION IN CANBERRA. MILLEN, IN ADDITION TO HAVING PARTICULARLY AGILE MIND, HAD SPENT TOTAL OF SEVEN YEARS IN AUSTRALIA AT TIME OF HIS DEPARTURE AND HAD UNRIVALLED, DETAILED KNOWLEDGE OF POLITICAL SITUATION IN AUSTRALIA. IN HIS RELATIVELY SHORT TOUR OF TWO AND ONE-HALF YEARS, BROWN DEVELOPED VERY GOOD APPRECIATION OF AUSTRALIAN POLITICAL SITUATION. HE BENEFITED FROM FACT THAT AUSTRALIAN AND NEW ZEALAND LABOR PARTIES HELD GOVERNMENT DURING MOST OF THAT PERIOD AND WERE IN REGULAR CONTACT ON RANGE OF PROBLEMS, OFTEN THROUGH NEW ZEALAND HIGH COMMISSION IN CANBERRA.

4. IN 1953 BROWN MARRIED THE FORMER EDITH RAYNOR; THEY HAVE TWO SONS AND ONE DAUGHTER. MRS. BROWN IS A CHARMING WOMAN, A GOOD CONVERSATIONALIST, SIMPLE AND DIRECT IN MANNER. SIMPSON

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